

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY



E. R. GENTRY.

TO THE REPUBLICAN VOTERS OF ROCKCASTLE COUNTY:

Four years ago when I became a candidate for the office of County Attorney I promised a clean, sober administration, and a strict, but fair and impartial enforcement of the law. In announcing my candidacy for re-election, I invite you to scrutinize closely my public acts as your official, and my conduct as a citizen and say whether I have kept faith with the people, and stood true to my promises.

In the satisfactory enforcement of the law, by a prosecuting officer, there must necessarily be a co-operation of all the departments of government, and the people of this county know that I have not received the support and influence from sources, where co-operation was most needed and expected by the people. Although thus handicapped I have stood firmly against law violations of all kinds, and especially the violations of those laws which are so vital to the peace and protection of our law-abiding citizens, and the proper training of the rising generation.

While as County Attorney, I have no direct control in the management of the financial affairs of the county I have consistently advocated principles of economy, to the Fiscal Court which I followed, would have prevented the present large deficit in the County Treas-

ury. With the present tax rate and proper management, I see no reason for the unusually large indebtedness of the county, and I desire to place the responsibility for this unwarranted expenditure of the people's money where it properly belongs. In the expenditure of the bond issue fund, I have at all times endeavored to protect the interest of the tax payers, and opposed the loose, unbusiness-like, and inefficient manner in which that fund has been handled.

I make these explanations, because I am asking the Republican voters of Rockcastle County to endorse my record as County Attorney, and tell that they are entitled to know where I have stood and where I shall stand, if nominated and elected again. I am asking this endorsement on my acts and conduct as a public official and feel, with four years experience, I am far better fitted to perform the duties of this important office, than when I began the present term.

I shall endeavor to see each voter before Aug. 4th and will appreciate your support.

Very truly,

E. R. GENTRY

BRODHEAD

REV. and Mrs. J. W. Carter, after spending several days here with relatives returned to their home in Irvine. Frith Bros sold this week to The Harmon Tie & Lumber Co., their entire boundary of timber, except chestnut, for the sum of \$4,800. This timber covers several hundred acres of land and much of it is very valuable as the purchase price indicates. The deal was closed by Mr. Wolf, of Berea, a representative of the company, and he will have the general supervision of handling the timber. Judge Haggard will look after the manufacture of it, also the shipping, and will devote his entire time to this and the inspection of such other ties or lumber that comes in from other sources. It will possibly take two or three years to get all this timber worked out. Mr. Wolf also closed a deal with W. H. Barnes for two small boundaries of timber for which he advanced \$600., and is to pay the remainder when the timber is made into ties and delivered. Mr. Barnes bought a part of the timber sold from Wm. Helton for \$35. This company will pay cash for all work they have done, and will soon be ready for a number of men

to make ties and do such other work as is necessary to market their product.—Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Carter, after spending two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Carter, and brother, Dr. Carter, returned to their home in Shelby the first of the week.—Rev. L. N. Bowling filled his regular appointment at the Christian church, Saturday and Sunday. At the noon service the Rev. J. W. Carter, of the Methodist church, filled the pulpit and delivered a splendid sermon. Mr. Bowling preached on Saturday and Sunday evenings.—Mrs. W. H. Anderson has the sympathy of her many friends here in the untimely death of her brother, P. Y. Hunt, who was killed instantly while attempting to get aboard a freight train at Mt. Vernon, Saturday. Mr. Hunt married a daughter of Josiah Mullins, who used to live at Mareburg, and is survived by his wife and five small children. He has a brother of the late Walter Hunt, who was killed by a freight train at Gum Sulphur some eight years ago.—R. H. Hamm is now located in his new quarters opposite the Citizens Bank, and is much pleased with his location.—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith, recently of Crab Orchard, have moved to one of J. M. Adams' cottages on East Main street. Mr.



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Smith will open a garage here, and will keep constantly on hand a full line of automobile supplies. They are good people and we welcome them among us.—J. H. Jarrett, a highly respected citizen in our town, and an ex-soldier of the civil war, was granted an increase in his pension a few days ago by a Special Act, and is now drawing \$50 per month. Mr. Jarrett is in very poor health and the pension he was drawing was insufficient for his comfortable support. He was in many of the hardest fought battles of the civil war, and the pension he now gets is small in comparison with the services he rendered his country. He is seventy-four years old and is now unable to leave his room except occasionally. — Robert Woodall, who lived here until ten years ago, died at his home near Lebanon Junction a few days ago. He was sixty nine years old and had been blind for the past three years. He was born here, and used to live on the farm owned by Mrs. Lee Coffey. Mrs. J. H. Jarrett, of this place, is his sister. — A. M. Hiatt was in Crab Orchard Monday evening, on business, and while there witnessed the conferring of the third degree in Masonry on Dr. Burgin and J. M. Brown.—Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Potorf have taken rooms with Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Young.—John P. Farris died at the home of his son, Jim Farris, in Bedford, Ind., and the remains [Continued on 2nd page]

IT IS NOT NECESSARY

For us to tell you of the Ford Car and of the wonderful achievements and records that belong to it—you know these—you have seen the Ford Car operating under all conditions; on good roads, on bad roads, up hill, down hill, through snow, mud and water, even abused. With these things in mind you have compared it with others. So we have no doubt but what your choice will be the Ford.—BUT HERE IS THE POINT:

Everything that is made of steel excepting the Ford Car has advanced in price. The manufacturers of other makes of automobiles have been forced to raise their prices. Machinery of all kinds has gone up. The Ford Motor Co. has already raised the price on parts. Each day we are expecting announcement telling of an increase in the price of the assembled car. It is not a ques-

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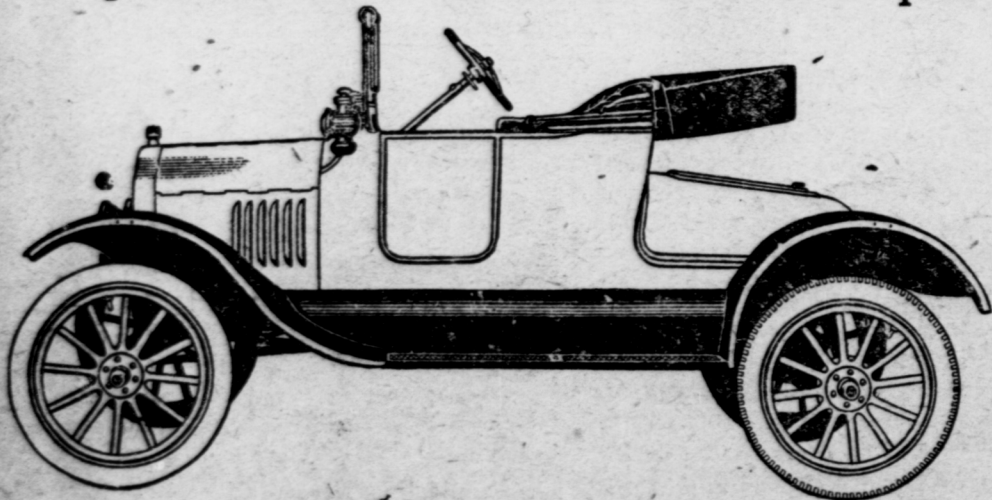
comes. We are not trying to scare you into buying a car NOW and under normal conditions we would not have inserted this ad, but we believe you understand the situation and we believe you will take advantage of it.

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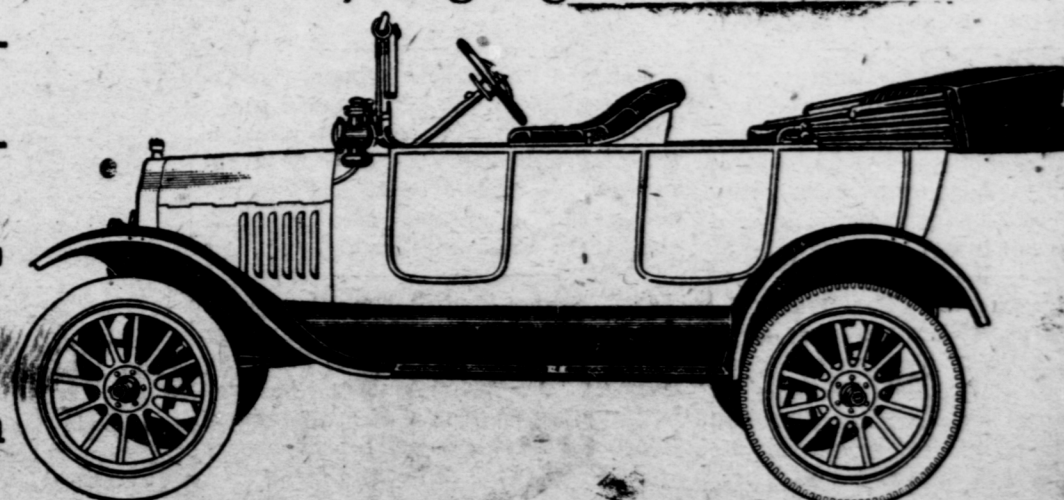
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MT. VERNON

See us in our new garage on West Main



Runabout \$345.



Touring Car \$360.

A DIFFERENCE IN THE INVESTMENT

The Western Canada Farm Profits Are Away in Excess.

Mr. George H. Barr, of Iowa, holds seven sections of land in Saskatchewan. These he has fenced and rented, either for pasture or cultivation, all paying good interest on the investment.

Mr. Barr says that farm land at home in Iowa is held at \$150 per acre. These lands are in a high state of cultivation, with splendid improvements in houses, barns, stables and silos, and yet, the revenue returns from them are only from two to three per cent per annum on investment.

Last year, 1915, his half share of crop on a quarter section in Saskatchewan, wheat on new breaking, gave him 35 per cent on the capital invested—\$25,000 an acre. The crop yield was 35 bushels per acre. This year the same quarter-section, sown to Red Fife on stubble gave 3,286 bushels. His share, 1,643 bushels of 1 Northern at \$1.50 per bushel, gave him \$2,563.08. Seed, half the twine and half the threshing bill cost him \$453.00. Allowing a share of the expense of his annual inspection trip, charged to this quarter-section even to \$110.00, and he has left \$2,000.00, that is 50 per cent of the original cost of the land. Anyone can figure up that another average crop will pay, not 2 or 3 per cent on investment, as in Iowa, but the total price of the land. Mr. Barr says: "That's no joke now."

Mr. Barr was instrumental in bringing a number of farmers from Iowa to Saskatchewan in 1913. He referred to one of them, Geo. H. Kerton, a tenant farmer in Iowa. He bought a quarter-section of improved land at \$32.00 an acre near Hanley. From proceeds of crop in 1914, 1915, 1916, he has paid for the land. Mr. Barr asked him a week ago: "Well, George, what shall I tell friends down home for you?" The reply was: "Tell them I shall never go back to be a tenant for any man." Another man, Charles Haight, realized \$18,000 in cash for his wheat crops in 1915 and 1916.

Mr. Barr when at home devotes most of his time to raising and dealing in live stock. On his first visit of inspection to Saskatchewan, he realized the opportunity there was here for grazing cattle. So his quarter-sections, not occupied, were fenced and rented as pasture lands to farmers adjoining. His creed is: "Let nature supply the feed all summer while cattle are growing, and then in the fall, take them to farmsteads to be finished for market. There is money in it."—Advertisement.

Was He?

She—You're the third man that has proposed to me this evening.
He—I hope I'm not the last.

This Will Interest Mothers.
Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children for Feverishness, Headache, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the bowels and destroy worms. They break up Colds in 24 hours. They are so pleasant to take children like them. Used by mothers for 30 years. All Druggists, etc. Sample FREE. Address, Mother Gray Co., Le Roy, N. Y. Adv.

Up to Zoology.

Teacher—What can you tell me about the rabbit?
Pupil—Its left hindfoot is lucky.

Allen's Foot-Ease for the Troops.

Many war zone hospitals have ordered Allen's Foot-Ease, the antiseptic powder, for use among the troops. Shaken into the shoes and sprinkled in the foot-bath, Allen's Foot-Ease gives rest and comfort, and makes walking a delight. Sold everywhere. Try it today. Adv.

She Emphasized the "You."

He—The fools are not all dead yet.
She—That's as true as you live.—Boston Transcript.

"CASCARETS" FOR SLUGGISH BOWELS

No sick headache, sour stomach, biliousness or constipation by morning.

Get a 10-cent box now.

Turn the rascals out—the headache, biliousness, indigestion, the sick, sour stomach and foul gases—turn them out to-night and keep them out with Cascarets.

Millions of men and women take a Cascaret now and then and never know the misery caused by a lazy liver, clogged bowels or an upset stomach.

Don't put in another day of distress. Let Cascarets cleanse your stomach; remove the sour fermenting food; take the excess bile from your liver and carry out all the constipated waste matter and poison in the bowels. Then you will feel great.

A Cascaret to-night straightens you out by morning. They work while you sleep. A 10-cent box from any drug store means a clear head, sweet stomach and clean, healthy liver and bowel action for months. Children love Cascarets because they never grope or sicken. Adv.

There are more than 2,500 Red Cross dogs in the war fields doing work for the wounded.

Some men seem to think that a woman's mission is submission.

ADVANCE IS MADE ALONG WIDE FRONT

IN FRANCE IS ANNOUNCED IN BRITISH REPORT—GERMANS YIELD GROUND.

CLAIM VICTORY OVER TURKS

In Report Received at London—Mercury Falls To 38 Degrees Below Zero in East—Austrians Repulsed By Italians.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. London.—Important positions along the Ancre are being occupied by British troops. The official report given out here announces that during the last 24 hours the Germans have continued to yield ground, resulting in a British advance along a wide front.

The report from British headquarters reads:

"During the last 24 hours the enemy continued to yield ground along the Ancre. Meeting with little opposition, small bodies of our troops pushed forward on a wide front, occupying Serre village and several other important points farther east.

"We successfully raided positions last evening east of Vierstraet (Belgium), on a front of 500 yards. Our troops remained in the German trenches for an hour, inflicted heavy casualties, destroyed several dugouts, a mine shaft and three machine guns and captured 55 prisoners and one machine gun. We also entered the enemy's positions during the night east of Armentieres.

"A hostile raiding party, reached our trenches, east of Ypres under cover of a heavy bombardment. The raiders were immediately ejected with loss. The enemy blew up a mine this morning east of Ypres.

"There was considerable artillery activity again on both sides of the Somme."

The official communication issued by the Paris War Office reads:

"Our artillery was active in the region of Le Mort Homme. Our shelling was attended with good results. Intermittent artillery actions took place at various points along the front in Lorraine and the Vosges. Quiet prevailed everywhere else."

"Belgium communication: Bomb fighting was resumed with violence in the region of Steenstraete and Het-sas. The usual artillery actions took place at divers points along the front."

"South of Ypres and between Armentieres and Arras several advances of the British, some launched after strong artillery bombardment, were repulsed," says official German report from the Franco-Belgium front.

"Our thrusting detachments carried out reconnoitering attacks west of Lieden, in the course of which they penetrated hostile positions deeply, taking prisoners and destroying enemy works."

"In the Somme sector the artillery fighting was spirited for a time, particularly between Sailly and Bouchavesnes."

"East of St. Mihiel French enterprises were undertaken without success. Our own enterprises in the wooded district toward the Meuse resulted in the capture of 12 men. Near Lasse, on the western slope of the Vosges, German storming detachments brought back 30 men from French positions."

The semi-official Transocean News Bureau, of Berlin, gives a review of the furious attacks made by the French to regain the lost positions on Hill 185, south of Ripont, in Champagne. The fact that the French have made repeated attacks at great losses on this front tends to disprove, according to the news bureau, the assertion made by the French headquarters that the position was only a "salient angle."

The review adds on the eastern front the temperature went to 38 degrees below zero. The Sereth front is in the grip of snowstorms.

Several attacks were made by the Austrians, but, according to official Italian report, they were defeated by the Italians. The announcement follows:

"The artillery was more active in the Astico and Trivignolo Valleys, at the head of the Cordevole and Buzia, and in the area east of Gorizia. The enemy attempted to attack our positions on Monte Mosciagh, on the Asiago Plateau, in the Grande Valley, on the upper But and in the Pontebana Valley, but was repulsed everywhere."

"The weather was favorable for aerial activity. Our aviators, supported by the artillery, put hostile airplanes to flight."

AN ARMY OF 5,000,000 MEN

Exclusive of India, Is Calculated Upon By the British Government—Expansion of Navy.

London.—The army estimate just issued provides for an army of 5,000,000 men, exclusive of India. An additional navy estimate calls for 50,000 officers and men, bringing the total of the navy personnel to 450,000.

U-BOAT WAR'S PROGRESS

Reports yesterday told of the sinking of the following vessels:

Ships.	Tonnage.
Dorothy, British	3,806
Iser, British	2,160
Falcon, British	2,243
	8,209

Previously reported sunk since Feb. 1, 172 ships... 359,089

Grand total of 175 ships and tonnage exceeding 367,298

INCREASE IN U.S. ARMY

PROVIDED IN UNIVERSAL TRAINING BILL WHICH IS SENT TO CONGRESS.

Secretary Baker Urges Careful Study of Proposal—Plan Would Give Army 4,000,000 Men.

Washington.—The Army General Staff universal service bill has been transmitted to the Senate Military Committee by Secretary Baker without a definite expression by the administration, either on the general subject or the specific proposal.

The Secretary said, "It was not thought Congress could give so intricate a problem consideration in the closing days of this session, but suggested wide publicity be given to the staff plan 'to the end that both Congress and the War Department can, in any subsequent consideration given to the subject, have the benefit of an enlightened, thoughtful public opinion upon the needs and wishes of the country.'"

"As yet," the letter of transmittal continues, "I am not prepared to say officially for the War Department that the need of the country can reasonably be said to be for so great an establishment, nor can we yet, without further study and deliberation, be confident that the means suggested are the most appropriate to the need which it shall be determined wise to foresee."

In round numbers the staff plan would supply a trained force of 4,000,000 men, with one year of intensive military instruction. It is estimated by the War College that approximately 500,000 boys in their nineteenth year would be available for training annually.

They would, under the plan, be liable to call to the colors until 32 years of age, passing after the first 11 months of their training to the First Reserve for the next four years and one month, then into the Second Reserve, and finally into the unorganized reserve until they reached the age of 45. The purpose of the bill is to constitute the First Reserve as a fully organized and equipped fighting force with a strength of 1,500,000, ready to respond instantly to a call to arms. The Second Reserve, of equal size, but only partially equipped, would require some time to take the field. Eventually there would be 1,000,000 additional trained men ready to fill in gaps at the front.

In addition to these forces there would be a regular army composed of men choosing military life as a profession, of 24,400 officers and 285,886 men.

Of these 97,000 would form the overseas forces and 29,000 the frontier forces, and the remainder composing the permanent training personnel which could take care of the instruction of from 492,386 reserve recruits annually. If the proportion of available men for training was greater than the figure given the permanent training force would have to be proportionately increased.

The effect of this plan would be to withdraw from the national guard the Federal pay provision of the defense act and restore the organization to its old status for five years, at the expiration of which time each state would maintain such organization as it saw fit without aid from the Federal Government.

BUY AMMUNITION MACHINERY

Is Purchased in Japan and Unloaded at Manzanillo, Mexico—Will Make Own Supply.

Mexico City.—The cartridge making machinery purchased from Japan has been unloaded at Manzanillo from the steamer Kotchiro Maru and will soon be put in operation. Two hundred Japanese experts accompanied the shipments in order to set up the machinery and operate it. It is hoped by the government that this machinery will make Mexico independent of other countries for ammunition. It is understood the machinery was purchased through efforts of Major Carpio, of General Obregon's staff, who went to Japan some months ago. It was necessary to rebuild the docks at Manzanillo in order to land the machinery.

It is believed that the government shortly will purchase machinery for the manufacture of artillery ammunition.

Chinese Lives Respected.

Peking.—Dr. Yen Hui Ching, Chinese Minister to Germany, has sent a cablegram to Dr. Wu Ting Fang, Foreign Minister, announcing that the German Foreign Office had verbally informed the Minister that Germany could not alter her submarine campaign, but that she would respect the lives of Chinese and their property and hoped China would not break off diplomatic relations.

VICTIMS OF THE U-BOAT WARFARE



A remarkable news picture that tells its own story. A swamped small boat slowly sinking into the water, and men dotting the sea striving their utmost to keep afloat. These struggling men are Britishers who, when their transport, the Ivernia, was sunk by a torpedo, took to the boats and dropped into the seething waters of the Mediterranean. The heavy seas running swamped the boat.

AMERICAN LIVES SAVED, SAYS LONDON REPORT

Centurion Is Sunk by Submarine After Crew Is Warned—Three More British Ships Go Down.

Washington.—The State Department just received from Ambassador Page, at London, a dispatch reporting the saving of two American sailors when the British sailing ship Centurion was sunk by a submarine.

The Centurion was warned and the crew escaped in lifeboats. The two Americans, Edward Ellis and John Handle, with the rest of the crew, were at sea in the open boats 19 hours and finally were landed at Falmouth. The Centurion was sunk February 19.

London.—The sinking of three vessels have just been announced. They were:

The British steamship Iser, 2,160 tons gross.
The British steamer Dorothy, of 3,806 tons gross. The Dorothy was built in 103 and was owned in Sunderland.

The British steamer Falcon. The Central News identified the steamer as the Falcon, owned in Cardiff (of 2,243 tons gross and built in 1915). It says the survivors will be landed shortly.

TO GUARD NEUTRALITY

DRASTIC MOVES MUST BE TAKEN BY SWEDEN AT ONCE, MINISTER DECLARES.

Great Excitement Created By Warning—30,000,000 Kroner Needed For Military Purposes.

London.—In the debate in the Swedish Parliament, as reported in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen, the Foreign Minister, K. A. Wallenberg, declared that something has happened in the last few days which makes it necessary for Sweden to take sterner measures to safeguard her neutrality.

This declaration, which has made a deep impression in Sweden, was elicited by the refusal of the second chamber to vote for an appropriation of 30,000,000 kroner for military purposes. The first chamber passed the measure, but when it reached the second chamber 104 votes were cast against it and in favor of an appropriation of 10,000,000 kroner.

Vigorous efforts were made by the government to obtain the larger amount. Premier Hammarskjöld and the Ministers of War, Finance and Foreign Affairs taking part in the debates. In sounding his warning the Foreign Minister and the opposition would soon be compelled to admit that the situation was graver for Sweden than ever before.

Stockholm newspapers say the declaration of the Foreign Minister created the greatest excitement.

1,000 SOLDIERS' LIVES LOST

Says Berlin—Only Two Men Aboard Italian Troop Ship Were Saved, and They By the Submarine.

Berlin.—(By Wireless to Saville, N. Y.)—The admiralty has announced that the Italian transport Minas, carrying 1,000 soldiers to Saloniki, has been sunk and that all on board except two men perished. The announcement follows:

"A German submarine on February 17 sank by a torpedo in the Mediterranean the Italian transport steamer Minas, 2,854 tons. The steamer was bound to Saloniki. She carried 1,000 troops, a large quantity of ammunition and 3,000,000 marks' worth of gold. The steamer's crew and the troops on board perished, with the exception of two men, who were rescued by the submarine. The destruction of the Minas was reported previously but only now have the details become known."

Report Compiled for President.

Washington.—Army and navy bureau chiefs have been instructed to compile immediately an exact appraisal of the condition of the regular fighting forces of the country for the information of President.

IMPORTATIONS CUT OFF

KNIFE IS USED FREELY BY PREMIER IN PROGRAM PROPOSED FOR CABINET'S ACTION.

Many Articles Tacked on Prohibited List—Drastic Action Prompted by Need of Tonnage—By Lloyd George.

London.—David Lloyd George, the British Prime Minister, has presented to the house of commons, in a speech lasting an hour and a half, his program for coping with the problem of shortage of shipping space. The speech was a serious and grave effort, the premier giving his audience little opportunity for applause and endeavoring to concentrate attention on the serious situation with which the nation is faced, owing to the shortage of food stocks and the German submarine menace.

The premier's program for dealing with the situation was under two heads, the first to increase home food production and the second the curtailment of non-victual imports.

Under the first head Mr. Lloyd George outlined a scheme for speeding up the farmer by guaranteeing him good prices for his commodities over a period of years, thus inviting him to plow and sow every inch of available land. This he supplemented by the announcement that the land owner would be actually forced to cultivate his land.

The speeding up of the leisurely British farm laborer, who for a score of years has been regarded the poorest paid laborer in England, was provided for by the premier by guaranteeing him a minimum wage of 25 shillings per week instead of the present 14 to 18 shillings.

Under the head of curtailment of imports Mr. Lloyd George said he expected to reduce the demands on cargo space by several million tons. Foodstuffs, of which 16,000,000 tons were imported last year, will be cut down nearly a million tons, by lopping off certain luxuries. Paper users who already have been considerably curtailed must henceforth get along with only half the supply they are now receiving, thus saving 640,000 tons. Certain savings also will be effected in the import of ore, which now amounts to 8,000,000 tons annually, and in lumber, which at present is 4,000,000 tons.

BLOCKADE STILL REMAINING

Zones Not To Be Abandoned, Germany Says, in Answer To Note From Brazil.

Dio Janeiro.—Brazil's declaration to Germany that she does not recognize the submarine blockade, and leaves with Germany the responsibility for all acts which Brazilian merchantmen may suffer in violation of international law, has elicited from Germany a statement that the blockade will not be abandoned.

It is announced officially that the German Foreign Office has declared to the Brazilian Minister in Berlin that it regrets neutral interests should suffer on account of military measures. Nevertheless Germany has reached the unchangeable determination to maintain the submarine blockade, to abandon which would involve national annihilation.

In case of the loss of Brazilian ships the German Government, the Foreign Office says, will suggest diplomatic negotiations.

Will Not Return Colonies.

London.—The deathknell to Germany colonial possessions has been sounded, so far as the Entente Allies can effect that result, by the almost simultaneous announcement of the British Minister of Colonies, Mr. Long; the Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Motono, and the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr. Massey, who voiced the view of Australia as well as New Zealand. Together these statements declare there will be no return to Germany of her colonies in Africa, Asia or the Pacific.

TAKES OFF DANDRUFF HAIR STOPS FALLING

Girls! Try This! Makes Hair Thick Glossy, Fluffy, Beautiful—No More Itching Scalp.

Within ten minutes after an application of Danderine you cannot find a single trace of dandruff or falling hair and your scalp will not itch, but what will please you most will be after a few weeks' use, when you see new hair, fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair—growing all over the scalp.

A little Danderine immediately doubles the beauty of your hair. No difference how dull, faded, brittle and scraggy, just moisten a cloth with Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. The effect is amazing—your hair will be light, fluffy and wavy, and have an appearance of abundance; an incomparable luster, softness and luxuriance.

Get a 25 cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any store, and prove that your hair is as pretty and soft as any—that it has been neglected or injured by careless treatment—that's all—you surely can have beautiful hair and lots of it if you will just try a little Danderine. Adv.

Timely Advice.

Church—I see a device of spring metal and wire to encircle a person's feet prevents the loss of an overshoe.
Gotham—Why couldn't this device be used to prevent the loss of a fellow's umbrella?

Important to Mothers

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, that famous old remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the

Signature of *Dr. H. H. Fletcher*
In Use for Over 30 Years.
Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

Taking Sides.

"Truth is mighty and will prevail," said the vociferous man.
"Yes," answered Senator Sorghum; "but when truth is making the fight, maybe she'd prevail quicker if a lot of us wasn't so neutral."

EAT LESS MEAT

Excessive eating of meat is not only tremendously expensive, but it is positively injurious to health. In place of meat try Skinner's Macaroni and Spaghetti the most delicious of all food and the richest in nutriment. They can be prepared in a hundred appetizing ways at small cost. Write Skinner Mfg. Co., Omaha, Neb., for beautiful Cook Book. It's free.—Adv.

Would Be Dangerous.

Heck—A doctor says it helps digestion to laugh at your meals.
Peck—If I were to laugh at the meals my wife prepares I'd probably get a plate thrown at my head.

Dr. Peery's "Dead Shot" is powerful and prompt but safe. One dose only is enough to expel Worms or Tapeworm. No castor oil necessary. Adv.

Poor Father.

Daughter—Pa, what is your birthstone?
Father of Seven (wearily)—The grindstone, I guess, my child.

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My first suggestion to my customers in need of a kidney or liver medicine is Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, because I believe it is a splendid preparation and those who have used it are satisfied with results obtained and speak very highly of it. Swamp-Root has kept up its high standing for more than twenty years in this trade and its value is universally acknowledged.

Very truly yours,
JOHN G. FRATZ, Pharmacist,
S. W. Cor. Barr & Baymiller Sts.,
Nov. 4, 1916. Cincinnati, Ohio.

Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do For You
Send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample size bottle. It will convince anyone. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information, telling about the kidneys and bladder. When writing, be sure and mention this paper. Regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles for sale at all drug stores.—Adv.

Wear's Joke.

"De hen must be a gloomy critter."
"Why?"
"Always broodin', you know."

Send 10c to Dr. Pierce, Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, for large trial package of Anurie for kidneys—cures backache.—Adv.

Strawberries derive their name from the fact that they were one time sold strung on straws.

CUTICURA IS SO SOOTHING

To Itching, Burning Skins—It Not Only Soothes, but Heals—Trial Free.

Treatment: Bathe the affected surface with Cuticura Soap and hot water, dry gently and apply Cuticura Ointment. Repeat morning and night. This method affords immediate relief, and points to speedy healing. They are ideal for every-day toilet uses. Free sample each by mail with Book. Address postcard, Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce the following persons as candidates for the respective offices in Rockcastle county, subject to the Republican primary election in August, 1917:

FOR JUDGE,

Cam Mullins, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.
FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY,
E. R. Gentry, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

FOR SHERIFF,

Mose McNew, of Wilde, Ky.
FOR COUNTY COURT CLERK,
J. B. Cummins, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

FOR JAILER,

"Little" Tom Taylor, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

FOR SUFF. OF SCHOOLS,

Mrs. Alice Davis, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR,

Rev. Wm. M. Durham, Johnetta, Ky.

FOR MAGISTRATE,

FIRST DISTRICT,
W. M. Sowder, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

FOURTH DISTRICT,

G. W. Murphy, of Livingston, Ky.

FOR CONSTABLE,

FIRST DISTRICT,
J. A. Jones, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

President Wilson addressed a joint session of Congress, asking for authority to supply merchant ships with defensive arms and to employ any other instrumentalities or methods "that may be necessary and adequate to protect our ships and our people in their legitimate and peaceful pursuits on the seas." A sufficient sum was asked from Congress to carry out the President's plans. The President announced that he was not "now proposing or contemplating war or any steps that need lead to it," but merely was requesting the authority "to safeguard in practice the right of great people who are at peace and who are desirous of exercising none but the rights of peace to follow the pursuits of peace in quietness and good will." He added that war could only come "by the willful acts and aggressions of others." A bill has been introduced in the House acquiescing in the President's request. This bill will be considered to-day by the House Foreign Affairs Committee as likewise will a similar bill by the Senate Foreign Committee.

COST OF BATTLE OF VERDUN.

The fighting of 100 days around Verdun cost an amount which is represented by a column of gold one yard square and 312 feet high, or approximately as high as the Statue of Liberty on the Capitol dome at Washington.

If the outlay in gun metal and powder is heavy, it is no more so than the outlay for material demanded by the present necessities of trench warfare. An officer who has studied this phase of the present war carefully says that to put a trench in a state fit for occupation in winter requires 1,250,000 running feet of three by three timber, 36,000 running feet of corrugated iron, 6,125,000 sand bags, weighing 1,000 tons, and 24,000 standards and pickets to the mile.

DESPONDENCY DUE TO CONSTIPATION.

Women often become nervous and despondent. When this due to constipation it is easily corrected by taking an occasional dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets are easy to take and pleasant in effect.

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were brought here Tuesday and taken to Negro-Creek cemetery for burial. He used to live near where the burial took place, and has a number of relatives near here—J. H. Hilton, an ex-merchant of this place, now living near Stanford, was in town the first of the week shaking hands with his many friends here. He owns a nice farm near Stanford—Mrs. Brack Durham was here Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Albright. She left on the early train Wednesday to join her husband, who is telegraphing on the L. & E. R. R.—Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lawrence are spending a few days with his son, Frank Lawrence, near Stanford—Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hiatt, of Quail, were with relatives here during the week—Green Swanner, an old freight conductor, but at present a brakeman, was thrown from the steps of a caboose Wednesday morning, his head striking a rail and it is feared his skull is fractured. He had not regained consciousness when taken to Lebanon. He was attended by Dr. W. F. Carter, railroad surgeon, of this place—Rev. H. T. Young, of Mt. Vernon, was in town Wednesday—The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian church will meet with Mrs. J. M. Owens next Wednesday.

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Hall's Catarrh Cure has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions. After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Cure for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Cure at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

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TO THE REPUBLICANS OF
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY,
GREETING:

My formal announcement for the office of Superintendent of Schools of this county appeared in the last issue of the Mt. Vernon Signal. As you all know I was selected to fill the unexpired term of my late husband, W. A. B. Davis. I have endeavored to fill this place to the satisfaction of all concerned, always looking to the promotion of the educational interest of the county, co-operating with the teachers to the end that children within the school age may be encouraged to take advantage of the best educational opportunity that was in my power as superintendent to give them, with the aid of the splendid corps of teachers that this county now possesses. I might add that in my work I have not only had the assistance and co-operation of the teachers, but the Educational Board and the Trustees of the various sub-districts have also been untiring in their efforts to make my administration a success.

On the death of my late husband I was left to care for, support and educate four children, all boys, and it is a great expense to maintain a family of this size and keep them in school. Besides, Mr. Davis was in debt and this indebtedness necessarily had to be met. I had denied my self and the children many things needed in order to pay the people who befriended Mr. Davis in his lifetime, and have paid this indebtedness in full. Another term would give me an opportunity to keep my boys in school until the older ones would be in a position to support themselves. I am asking the people to help me in my desire to educate my children and make useful men out of them, and I am asking you to help me in my desire to serve not only my children but all of the children in the county to secure

an education, thereby making useful men and women out of them. We must give them training, because the future is expecting good citizenship out of the boys and girls of today, and the better equipped they are from an educational standpoint, the more capable they are of good citizenship. As stated in the beginning, I have worked hard to make my administration of the school management of the county a success, and if continued in office it is my determination to make the people a better school officer, because the experience I have had is to my advantage and will result to the advantage of the schools of the county.

On the foregoing I am asking at the hands of the Republicans of this county an endorsement, and am soliciting your support and influence.

MRS. ALICE DAVIS.

SPRING COLDS ARE DANGEROUS

Sudden changes of temperature and underwear brings spring colds with stuffed up head, sore throat and general cold symptoms. A dose of Dr. King's New Discovery is sure relief, this happy combination of antiseptic balsams clear the head, soothes the irritated membranes and what might have been a lingering cold is broken up. Don't stop treatment when relief is first felt as a half cure is dangerous. Take Dr. King's New Discovery until your cold is gone.

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Misses Vera Mullins and Hazel McHargue were visiting Mrs. Fannie Mullins at Withers, Ky., last Saturday and Sunday. Misses Ruth Bell and Edna Mullins spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Minnie Manes at Wilde Ky.—Mrs. Myrtle Ballinger, and little son, Earl, are visiting Mrs. Lula Mullins this week.—Miss Lillian Fields visited Pansy and Zula Lovell last Saturday.—B. G. Mullins has sold his property to W. J. Sparks & Co., and will leave in a few days for Middletown Ohio, to make their future home.—Lee and Dolph Mullins moved to Pine Hill.—Milton Baker who has been sick so long is improving.

YOU NEED A SPRING LAXATIVE

Dr. King's New Life Pills will remove the accumulated wastes of winter from your intestines, the burden of the blood. Get that sluggish spring fever feeling out of your system, brighten your eyes, clear your complexion. Get that vim and snap of good purified healthy blood. Dr. King's New Life Pills are a non-gripping laxative that aids nature's process, try them to-night. At all druggists 25c.

WITHERS

Spencer Mullins was in Mt. Vernon Sunday and Monday.—Mrs. Bert Mullins spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jones Durham of Dango.—Mrs. Edd McDaniel and children, of Gauley, have been with relatives here for several days.—Died the two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Minton, Feb. 26th.

—C. E. Mullins is in the western part of the county this week.—Carlisle Lewis, who has a job at Corbin, is with home folks this week.—Estill Mullins was in Mt. Vernon, Monday, on business.—Misses Zelma Brown and Sallie Price who are attending school at Mt. Vernon, were the guests of Mrs. Fred Mullins Saturday.—Miss Dorra Mullins has returned to Covington where she will take a business course.—Claiborn Allen has moved his family back to this place from Augusta Ky.—Sam and Otis Mullins were in Livingston Sunday.—L. B. Lewis, who has been sick for several days is improving.—Mat Green bought of C. E. Mullins a nice bunch of hogs, also a milch cow and two heifers.—Wm. Black has moved his family here from Liv-

ingston.—Bob Mullins was in Livingston Tuesday.—Loyd Mullins was in Mt. Vernon Tuesday.

SLOAN'S LINIMENT FOR RHEUMATISM

The torture of rheumatism, the pains and aches that make life unbearable are relieved by Sloan's Liniment, a clean clear liquid that is easy to apply and more effective than musky plasters or ointments because it penetrates quickly without rubbing. For the many pains and aches following exposure, strains, sprains and muscle soreness, Sloan's Liniment is promptly effective. Always have a bottle handy for gout, lumbago, toothache, backache, stiff neck and all external pains. At druggists, 25c.

DISPUTANTA

We are having some spring weather and every body seems to enjoy it after such a hard winter. We don't profess to be a prophet but we believe winter is over.—Nearly every body who have looked into their potatoes have lost some by freezing.—J. H. Wolf says that he has 20 bushel of good sound potatoes that were not frozen, but he lost about 3 bushel by freezing.—The only way to cut down the high cost of living is to go to work now and plant something in every nook and corner this spring and raise something for yourself and some to sell to your shiftless neighbor.—Sherman Chasteen raised over \$100.00 worth of vegetables on his garden in 1911.—We are planning to organize Farmers Club here soon, we do not want Conway to get a head of us.—Rev. H. L. Ponder filled his regular appointment at Clear Creek church Saturday and Sunday.—The singing class meets every Wednesday evening at Hammond school house, 7 p. m.—On the 4th Saturday night and Sunday in March, Rev. Ponder will preach on the subject of "Sanctification," and on Sunday evening at 7 p. m. his subject will be "The power of the Holy Spirit"—Mrs. Rachel A. Northen, age 70 years, died at the home of Mrs. Dicy Cope, Thursday night. She was buried at Scotland Cane Saturday.—Dan Anglin son of James Anglin, deceased at Hazard, Perry County, on the 20th. He was switching cars, a car wrecked, he was caught between the car and the coal. He only lived a few hours. His remains were brought to Climax for burial. He leaves a wife and five small children, several brothers, a mother and a host of friends to mourn his loss. Dan was a devoted christian, and a good citizen.—Jessie and Edith Chasteen are visiting at Climax this week.—S. S. Cain is no better.

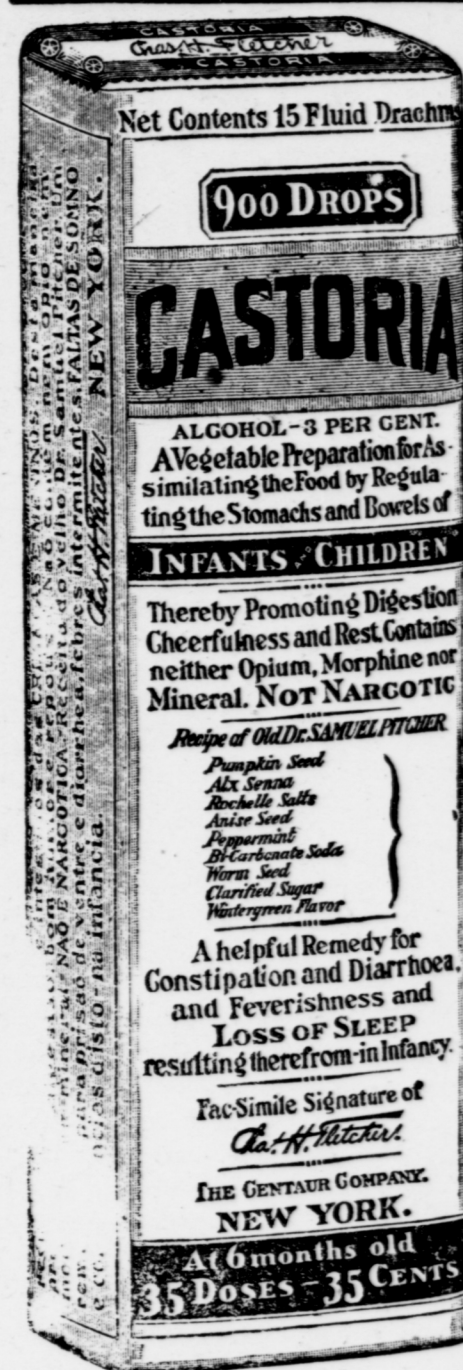
THE PNEUMONIA SEASON

The cold, damp weather of March seems to be the most favorable for the pneumonia germs. Now is the time to be careful. Pneumonia often results from cold. The quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less danger. As soon as the first indication of cold appears take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. As to the value of this preparation, ask any one who has used it.

PUBLIC SALE.

Having sold my farm with the view of going west, I will on Wednesday March 14—1917 at my home place, 2 miles north of Wilde, offer for sale to the highest and best bidder all my property as follows:

1 pair of mares 5 and 6 years old, 1 horse coming 2 years old, 3 work mules 5—6 and 7, 1 pair of weanling mare mules, 6 milch cows, 11 yearlings, 22 hogs, about 300 bushels corn, 100 bushels oats, 6 stacks of loose hay, 1 wagon, 1 surrey, 1/2 interest in one superior wheat drill, 1 corn drill, 2 Botona turning plows, 1 hillside plow, some double and single shovel plows, 1 disc harrow, 1 McCormick mower and rake, 1 set of black smith tools,



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TERMS OF SALE:—\$10 and under cash in hand, all over \$10 credit of 9 months with approved security bearing 6 per cent interest from date.

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I. C. JONES

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Spring brings all kinds of weather and with it comes colds and the revival of winter coughs and hoarseness. Bell's Pine Tar Honey will head off a new cold or stop the old one, the soothing balsams relieve the sore throat and heal the irritated tissues. Get a bottle today and start treatment at once. At your druggists, 25c. Formula on the bottle.

Livingston, Ky,

Feb. 28, 1917.

TO THE REPUBLICANS OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT NO. 4,

Rockcastle County Kentucky:

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of Justice of the Peace of Magisterial District No. 4, subject to the action of the Republicans, to be expressed in the Primary to be held August 4, 1917.

I was born and raised a Republican. I have never voted

any other ticket and have always been loyal to the nominees, as will be remembered when I was defeated at the convention at Red Hill, by our present presiding Justice of the Peace Mr. J. L. Arnold. I stood loyal to him and since that time I have wanted to be honored with that office, and I believe there is no better time than the present, as the people of this Magisterial District are now interested in lower taxes and less extravagance in running the affairs of the County.

The records show that the county is in debt to say nothing of the bond is indebtedness. I pledge myself to the people to work to lower the taxes and to pay this indebtedness and be of every assistance to my district and county. I stand for sobriety in office and for the enforcement of the law. If elected I will make you a sober officer and will enforce the law against the sale of all kinds of liquor. I hope to see each and all the Republicans of the District and talk to you face to face about these matters before the Primary, and if my principles as stated in this announcement are satisfactory to the Republicans of the District, I hope to receive your votes and influence in my race.

Respectfully,
G. W. MURPHY.

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PERSONAL

F. Kreuger, who has been very sick for the past week is reported better.

Miss Ethel Asbill was in Richmond and London Saturday and Monday.

Mrs. P. Q. Giffin has been numbered among the sick for the past week.

Mrs. Sarah Maret was in London Wednesday consulting an eye specialist.

C. T. Riddle, the hustling young mill man, was here from Brodhead yesterday.

Mrs. W. M. Poynter is gradually improving. She is now able to go about the house.

Mr. Edd Brady, of Stanford, was here between trains Sunday the guest of Miss Mattie Chesnut.

Omer Chesnut has gone to Dayton, Ohio, to join his brother Loyd. They both have splendid jobs.

Little Sallie McKenzie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe McKenzie, who has been very sick with pneumonia, is reported better.

Little John McFerron, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McFerron, has been very sick for the past three weeks and is in a very serious condition.

Miss Martha Sparks is the guest of Prof. J. D. Achison in Pittsburgh Penn. Miss Sparks will visit in Detroit and other Eastern cities before returning.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller entertained Misses Winnie Falin, Myrtle Bryant and Clyde Watson at a Washington birthday dinner at their home on the twenty second.

Meshack Gentry was here from Avoca Monday trimming his grape vines and otherwise caring for his property. Mr. and Mrs. Gentry will probably move back to Mt. Vernon soon.

James Williams, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Williams of Somerset, is here for a few days with relatives. James is just back from the Mexican border but shows no ill effects from his soldiering experience.

Miss Minerva Pensil, who has been in Louisville for three years taking a course as trained nurse, graduated two weeks ago, and has returned to Mt. Vernon. While alighting from the train on her return, she made a misstep and has been suffering with a badly sprained ankle since.

LOCAL

NOTICE:—I will be in Livingston room Wednesday noon until Friday night of each week to do watch work and optical fitting.
J. C. MOORE

FOR SALE:—A good pair of young mules and a good pair of mares, see or address,
EDGAR MULLINS
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

2-16-3T.

FOR SALE:—Town lot opposite Mr. Jonas McKenzie's residence, 140 ft. long and 48 ft. wide. Faces Richmond St. in front and Tevis St. on side, with alley behind.
P. H. CONOVER.

2-17-3T.

Spring Hats and Spring shirts for young men at Fish's to-day

WANTED:—Irish potatoes. Will pay \$1.40 cash.

W. R. McCURE

Will Helton sold his 18 acre farm near Brodhead to Jerry Brock for \$850.00.

County Engineer Mattingly began this week the survey of the Mt. Vernon and Somerset road.

Bryant Bros', new garage is one of the most up-to-date to be found in any of the small towns along either Dixie or Boone highways.

Only 38 days more till Easter. Get your Spring suit now and be ready for the parade. Get it at Fish's and you'll know it is right in every way.

J. M. Craig bought of J. M. Reynolds of the Bee Lick section some 225 pound hogs at \$11.10 per hundred. This is a record price for hogs in this section.

Remember the special show to be given by the local Camp of the Modern Woodmen of America at the Boone Way Opera House Wednesday night, April 4th.

Leroy Prewitt, the youngest son of Steve Prewitt, was killed by a switch engine in the Cincinnati yards Tuesday. No particulars as how the accident came about.

J. M. Craig paid \$599.75 for five shares of the Capital stock of the Bank of Mt. Vernon sold at public auction Monday by the administrators of the estate of the late George Levisay.

CARD OF THANKS:—We desire to thank one and all for the many kindnesses shown us during our recent bereavement.

MRS. P. Y. HUNT AND FAMILY.

FOR SALE:—A fine black horse, 8 years old, 2 good rubber tire buggies, 1 good set harness. Will sell for cash or trade to young cattle.

F. L. THOMPSON SR.

Miss Nellie Cottengim, daughter of the late Frank Cottengim, died at her home near Pine Hill Wednesday. She had been lingering several months with tuberculosis. Another sister died less than a year ago of the same disease.

Lieutenant Jake Bathum who returned from the Mexican border with his company which was mustered out at Fort Thomas two weeks ago, is with relatives here for a few days. Jake had many interesting experiences while on the border.

Harry Jones bought the Hamp Daily place near Chesnut Grove school house in the Brindle Ridge section this week from Eldie McGuire of Richmond for \$1500. This is a well improved little place of about 60 acres and in a good community.

B. G. Mullins sold his farm of about 300 acres on the Dixie Highway about 3 miles East of here to A. G. Bartlett for \$13 per acre. Mr. Mullins and family will move to Middletown, Ohio where he has purchased a fine farm.

The Mt. Vernon Telephone Co. changed hands yesterday, when J. F. Dees took over all the stock of Wade H. Graves together with what he already held gave him almost all the stock of the company. Mr. Graves will continue as manager of the company for Mr. Dees.

Mr. Ernest Hawkins, of Knoxville, Tenn., special agent Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice of the U. S. has been in Rockcastle for the past ten days investigating the trouble which took place here on election day and which came near being a serious affair. While Mr. Hawkins gave no expression of what he found or what might be done, yet it is the general belief that he found sufficient proof to warrant a number of indictments which will be returned in the Federal Court.

INTERIOR JOURNAL SOLD.

A dispatch from Stanford says. What is said to be a record price for a county newspaper in Kentucky was paid by J. H. Wright here today when he bought the Interior Journal for \$25,000 cash from S. M. Saufley. The Interior Journal was established in 1860 and for twenty-five years was conducted by Colonel W. P. Walton, of Lexington. Saufley bought it at about half the figure he sold it for five years ago from Ed Walton. Wright is a well known young farmer of his county.

P. Y. Hunt, age about 35 years, a citizen of Mareburg, was killed by a freight train a short distance west of the Mt. Vernon depot Saturday, while trying to catch a fast freight. Hunt was in town and was starting home in company with Egbert Griffin and two or three others, when 52 a fast freight came along. He asked the other boys with him to jump the train, but they refused and insisted that he not try to get on. The deceased was an old railroad man and under normal conditions could have caught on without any difficulty but on this occasion, he was not himself and he made one leap too many. The wheel caught his head taking off all the back of the head but without injuring the face. One arm was run over and the body otherwise badly mangled and bruised. The deceased leaves a wife and five small children. The burial took place at Mareburg burying ground Sunday afternoon.

HOUSE PARTY:—Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Collier of Crab Orchard have as their guests at a house party for the week given in honor of Mr. Claud Thompson, of Iowa, the following: Misses Mary and Sallye Burdette, Mae Campbell, Danville, Clara Collier, Berdie Perkins, and Malsadia Chadwick, of Crab Orchard. Messrs J. Frank Howard and Edward Emiston, of Crab Orchard and Claud Thompson of Iowa. Mrs. Collier and guests were delightful visitors to our town Tuesday. The young people are very extravagant in their compliments of Mr. and Mrs. Collier for the most pleasant week they are spending in that most delightful home. Mr. and Mrs. Collier belong to that type of Kentucky, who know how to make others happy and the greatest enjoyment comes to them in so doing. The guest of honor is a former Crab Orchard boy who went West and like most all who have gone and had the sticking qualities has made good.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank my customers one and all for the support given me in the past. I now take this opportunity to invite you all back again and ask you to bring your friends with you. My stock is complete and all new and up-to-date no second hand stock or shoddy goods. Prices are the very best for quality of stock. We sell for cash or on time when a man is worthy of confidence, and to all at one price. We don't expect one man to pay the debts of another, especially in war times. When you come to town drop in and if you spend some money with us we love you for it, if not we will have a good word any way. Produce of all grades at top prices.

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Respectfully,
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Out of the various brands of tires we have used and seen used the "United States" tire has, with our exception, given the best service. We have asked the opinion of various garagemen as to what they considered the best tire; Without exception they would say the "United States". We asked the Ford Motor Co., what they considered the best tire; they answered, the "United States". We, as others, are convinced that the U. S. tire is the best.

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HOME DEMONSTRATION

WORK IN ROCKCASTLE.

BY MRS. WOLCOTT

Home Demonstration Work will make an early start in Rockcastle County this year and prospects look bright. Mrs. Jalia R. Gentry, who has been appointed to the position of County Home Demonstration Agent by Mrs. Helen B. Wolcott State Agent of Home Demonstration Work in Kentucky, has begun to organize Clubs and to get her work in shape that seeds may be sown early and plants ready for the club gardens in due season.

The course offered these clubs is one that will appeal to every girl, for gardening and canning are both wonderfully interesting and essentially a part of a girl's education.

While the two activities are to be especially emphasized in girls' club work, attention will also be given to other phases of home economics as sewing, cooking and household sanitation. The home poultry yard will also come in for its share of attention; larger egg production, encouragement of better breeds ect. will be taken up and studied along with gardening and canning.

Every girl between the ages of ten and eighteen is invited to become a club member and is requested to send her name and address to Mrs. Gentry as early as possible, that seeds and all necessary instruction for planting may be given her and notification of club meeting be sent.

A certificate will be conferred by the Department of Extension upon any girl who successfully completes the club course, and all have an equal chance to win the beautiful silver Challenge Cup offered each year by the Extension Division of State University to the girl making the best record in first year work in the state. This cup went to McCracken County last year through the efforts of Violet Thompson, a thirteen year old club girl.

Home Demonstration Clubs for women will also be organized and the County Agent will be glad to receive the names of interested women, as well as those of girls. In all her club work, Mrs. Gentry will be assisted by the District Agents and other Specialists in the service, who will make regular visits to the county for that purpose. Girls and women wishing to enroll as club members should send their name at once to Mrs. Gentry that she may arrange to visit every neighborhood wishing a club.

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TO THE REPUBLICANS OF ROCK-
CASTLE COUNTY:

I have seen and read the answer by G. M. Ballard and W. M. Hurst, J. L. Arnold and Sherman Chasteen to my announcement which appeared in this paper some few week ago. In that card I promised to give the voters of Rockcastle County the records and facts showing the big debt now against the county and I mean to do so. Watch these columns for my answer. I will give you the facts from the record and submit them to you, and from them honorable men can draw their own conclusions.

Again I ask that you expect in due time an answer that will be an eye opener to the taxpayers of this county.

W. M. SOWDER.

J. J. Cook, of Blanch, has resigned his position with the Federal Coal Co., at Cary, and left Wednesday to accept the position as store manager with the Crech Coal Co., at Wallins Creek, in Harlan county. Before leaving Mr. Cook called and had the figures on his paper moved up and will enjoy the weekly visits of the Citizen in his new home. We are indeed sorry to give you up from our county but wish for you success in the good county of Harlan.—The Pineville Citizen.



THE Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 236 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv.

The IRON CLAW

by Arthur Stringer

SYNOPSIS.

On Windward Island Palidori intrigues Mrs. Golden into an appearance of evil which causes Golden to capture and torture the Italian by branding his face and crushing his hand. Palidori floods the island and kidnaps Golden's little daughter Margery. Twelve years later in New York a Masked One rescues Margery from Legar and takes her to her father's home, whence she is recaptured. Margery's mother fruitlessly implores Golden to find their daughter. The Laughing Mask again takes Margery away from Legar. Legar sends to Golden a warning and a demand for a portion of the chart of Windward Island. Margery meets her mother. The chart is lost in a fight between Manley and one of Legar's henchmen, but is recovered by the Laughing Mask. Count Da Espares figures in a dubious attempt to entrap Legar and claims to have killed him. Golden's house is dynamited during a masked ball. Legar escapes but Da Espares is crushed in the ruins. Margery rescues the Laughing Mask from the police. Manley finds Margery not indifferent to his love. He saves her from Manley's poisoned arrows. Manley plans a mock funeral which fails to accomplish the desired purpose, the capture of the Iron Claw and his gang. Margery is saved from death at the hands of the Iron Claw by the Laughing Mask.

TWELFTH EPISODE

The Haunted Canvas.

The daughter of Dan O'Mara was a very happy girl. So happy, in fact, was the freckled-nosed Peggy that there were times when the sheer novelty of her good fortune somewhat frightened her. For the tide had turned. The O'Mara family, as Peggy put it, was at last in clover. That mysterious righter of wrongs known as the Laughing Mask had interested himself in getting honest work for Dan O'Mara. And that gracious-eyed lady known as Margery Golden, once she had realized the true position of the family, had become equally interested in doing what she could for the spindle-legged Peggy.

It is true, none the less, that this last-mentioned young lady's benefactress had been momentarily nonplused by Peggy's choice of a vocation, when this choice was placed before her.

"What would you like to do most?" Margery had asked at the end of her second trip to the O'Mara cottage with a bundle of clothes for the all but breathless Peggy.

"Be an artist's model!" promptly announced the rapt-eyed factory girl.

"But why a model?" asked the amazed Miss Golden.

"To doll up in glad rags and get myself painted!" explained the dreamer of the dye vats. And odd as that choice seemed to her, Margery Golden did not depart from her promise. She sought out her artist friend, Frank Aimick, and inveigled him to experiment with a new and somewhat untidied model.

Frank Aimick, however, soon found the ardent-eyed young Peggy more of a help to him than he had anticipated. Some of her unctuous yet uncouth attentiveness, in fact, brought a smile to the face of the busy artist.

But that smile was never broader than when he noticed her standing wide-eyed before the large canvas above the fireplace at the end of his studio. For this painting, which bore the title of "The Vigilante," was a remarkable piece of work, in more ways than one. It showed the life-size figure of a frontiersman staring out into the room, with a leveled carbine at his buckskinned shoulder. But the arresting feature of the painting lay in the fact that both the eyes of the figure and the barrel of the leveled rifle seemed always to be directed at the spectator, no matter what position the spectator might take.

"That guy gives me the willies!" Peggy protested as she made her way back to the model throne.

"Why?" asked the smiling man at the easel.

"He keeps such a bead on you, no matter where you get in this room!" was the girl's reply.

But destiny, in the form of one Jules Legar, had secretly ordained that Peggy's happiness should not be a lasting one. For Peggy O'Mara was no longer a trivial factor in the activities of the Iron Claw. This slip of a girl had brought defeat to his plans when success seemed well within his hand. And for these humiliations Legar decided that the girl should pay, and pay to the full.

The modest home of the O'Maras, however, had no inkling of this decision until Dan O'Mara himself, wandering about his combined kitchen and living room in search of his pipe, was somewhat startled to see a square of paper pinned to the faded door panel. Peggy herself, joining her father, was equally mystified by this slip of paper, for its surface showed nothing but a round blot or two of black ink on a square of white. Neither Dan O'Mara nor his daughter had any reason to know the meaning of the spotted warning, any more than they knew that one Maulk, the stealthy emissary of the Iron Claw, stood hidden behind the walls of one of the three cottages commanding a clear view of the O'Mara home.

They had no way of knowing that this same Maulk lurked there behind a shuttered window, patiently watching, hour after hour, the house across the way. Close beside him as he watched

stood a magazine rifle to which a Maxim silencer had been adjusted. And on the floor beside the rifle lay yet another weapon. This, however, was a weapon of defense, for it consisted of a craftily constructed cape which, for purposes of disguise, could be promptly converted into a woman's skirt.

So sure was Maulk of his defensive arrangements that when he caught sight of Peggy O'Mara and her father at the window he promptly reached for his rifle, adjusted the barrel between the shutter slats, and took aim. Then he pulled the trigger.

The next moment a bullet went crashing through the window of the O'Mara home.

Instinctively the two startled figures leaped away from the window. As they did so they realized that a third person had entered the room. And a second glance showed them that it was the Laughing Mask himself.

He stood for a moment or two, staring down at the spotted warning that lay face upward on the floor. Then he stared at the shattered window. The next moment he was pushing Peggy and Dan O'Mara bodily back from that square of light.

"But what's the meanin' of all this, anyway?" demanded the astonished householder.

"It means that a bullet came through that window," the Laughing Mask explained. "And I know that bullet was intended for your daughter here."

The next moment the Laughing Mask had caught a broom from the corner and about it was draping one of Peggy O'Mara's well-worn waists. Above this he placed the girl's hat, tying it in place with a scarf. Then dropping to his knees well out of sight on one side of the window, he slowly advanced his improvised dummy into the square of light.

That rough outline of a human figure was scarcely in position at the window before a second pane crashed in and the broom was knocked from the hand of the masked man holding it.

"That shot could have come only from one of those three houses across the way. And it's ten to one it's from that empty house on the right!"

He drew away from the window and stood for a moment deep in thought. "O'Mara, I want you to slip out by your back door and get help. Call on any neighbors you can trust in a case like this. Then hurry back here, for I don't want that scoundrel to suspect his plans haven't worked out exactly as he imagines!"

"We'll get the devil!" announced O'Mara as he slipped away. And while waiting for his return the Laughing Mask sent Peggy for a cupful of flour. With this he powdered her hands and blanching her thin young face. Dan O'Mara had stepped back into the house before the masked visitor had completed his task.

"Now, I want that sniper to think he's done his work. I don't want him to break from cover until your friends have surrounded that house. So take your daughter and carry her out, just as though she were a dead girl!"

Dan O'Mara, doing as he was directed, stepped from the doorway with his own white-faced daughter hanging limp in his arms. He acted his part with a sincerity that was not without conviction. For, two minutes after he had staggered into the open with that apparently sad burden, the sniper from the shuttered house was detected slipping out of a cellar window and scurrying along a broken fence.

That escape, however, came before Dan O'Mara's friends could completely take up their position about the suspected house. But one of those friends caught sight of the fugitive in the strange-looking cap, the alarm was given, and the pursuit began.

It was not a long chase, but it was a stern one. Determined as those indignant factory-toilers were to run down the mysterious gunman so wantonly threatening their homes, the fleeing Maulk proved himself startlingly fleet of foot. He gained sufficiently on his pursuers to round a corner, dodge into an empty coalshed, and emerge a moment later as a stooped old woman in amber-colored spectacles and a rusty gray wig. Being obviously hard of hearing, this same old woman could not give much information to the group of excited men suddenly accosting her as she hobbled across the street.

Five minutes later a swarthy-skinned man with wiry black hair was hurrying across country to one of the well-concealed dens of Jules Legar, where he duly reported to the Iron Claw the news of his enemy's ruse and his own narrow escape.

Before the second day had passed Legar had evolved yet another plan for the subjugation of his enemies. This took the form of a decoy message delivered to the unsuspecting Peggy O'Mara, purporting to be a hasty request from Frank Aimick to come to his studio at nine o'clock that night, to the end that he might hurry to completion one of his unfinished canvases for which the girl was ac-

ting as a costume model. Legar and two of his followers, in the meantime, entered Aimick's studio on the pretense of being a fire marshal's inspector, caught the artist off his guard, and carried him bound and gagged and helpless to one of the small back rooms of the studio building.

Peggy herself, before starting out in answer to that summons, was still somewhat uneasy in mind over recent events. So she left word with her father to call for her not later than eleven o'clock.

But more than Dan O'Mara called for his daughter that night, for ten minutes after her departure from the cottage Margery Golden's limousine drew up at the door. Margery's eyes widened when O'Mara explained the reason of his daughter's absence from home.

"But an artist like Frank Aimick would never be able to work at night," she argued, with growing alarm. "He must have daylight for working in color."

Dan O'Mara turned to the table at his side.

"Here's his message, plain as day, written in his own handwriting," was the puzzled workman's only explanation. Then he pulled the trigger.

Margery took the message in her hand and studied it. Then her color faded a little.

"That is not Frank Aimick's writing!" she suddenly announced.

"We must get to that studio as fast as my car can carry us."

Peggy O'Mara, in the meantime, was being confronted by more than one surprise. The first came with her arrival at the Aimick studio, when the stranger who opened the door in response to her knock informed her that the artist was out, but would return in a minute or two. The second came with the quiet movement of yet another man who sidled up to the studio door and promptly locked and barred it. But the greatest surprise of all awaited her as she turned

throne. "The painting—it is spitting steel at us!"

Legar, however, was no longer in need of that warning. Standing to one side of the mantel, close beside the wall, he attacked the huge canvas with his fire-tongs, beating in the center of the picture at the same time that Peggy O'Mara, realizing that she was no longer being held a prisoner, caught up a teakwood tabouret and with it precipitated herself on the preoccupied Legar.

He ignored that flank attack, however, for the Iron Claw suddenly found himself confronted by a figure of more importance than either the spindle-legged girl or a painted gunman.

Out from behind that tattered canvas had emerged a man wearing a yellow mask, tossing to one side a slender blowpipe as he came. Before he could regain his feet after that hurried leap from the mantel shelf, Legar himself had dropped the fire-tongs and whipped a revolver from his pocket. This he leveled directly at the body of the Laughing Mask. But before he could pull the trigger, Peggy's tabouret struck against his outstretched arm, knocking the weapon up in the air.

By this time the Laughing Mask was up on his feet, and face to face with his enemy. Before the revolver could again be brought into play the two had clenched. Then the Iron Claw went down before a clean-cut blow from his opponent. He recovered himself sufficiently, however, to roll to where his fallen revolver lay. But before he could level that firearm at his adversary the Laughing Mask, remembering that even the officers of the law were no longer his friends, dived out through the small door at the rear of the studio and disappeared from sight, for already the sound of O'Mara and his rescuing party could be heard as they swarmed up the stairs.

The Iron Claw himself heard those sounds, drew himself together, and

stared helplessly about the dismantled studio. Then the instinct of self-preservation reasserted itself. He ran to the back of the room, dived into a kitchenette, found a small door in its wall, swung it open, discovered a dumb-waiter shaft in front of him, and escaped to the street.

The Corridors of Dread.

Margery Golden, as she sat in the taxicab which carried her homeward, was comforted by the thought that she had at least saved the life of a factory girl to whom she stood indebted for her own escape from death. The further thought that she had sent Dan O'Mara and his exhausted daughter safely home in her own luxurious limousine even reconciled her to the somewhat stuffy-aired public conveyance in which she found herself. She blinked meditatively out at the back of the heavy faced driver so sullenly and yet so adroitly piloting her through the tangle of traffic. Then the abstraction suddenly went from her eyes and the listlessness from her pose. For, from the back window of the red-wheeled taxicab immediately in front of her she caught sight of a peering face. And it took no second glance to tell her that it was the deep-seared face of the Iron Claw himself.

The next moment Margery was shouting to her sullen-faced driver. "Follow that red-wheeled taxi," she told him, pointing down the sidewalk. "Keep within sight of it, whatever happens!"

Soon they had left the city well behind them and were in that twilight zone which is neither quite rural nor quite urban. But Margery, the moment she saw the red-wheeled taxicab come to a stop, commanded her driver to draw in under the shadow of a dense row of catalpa trees. There, from the running board of her car, she beheld Legar step out on the road, pay his chauffeur, and stand looking after the departing taxicab until it disappeared from sight. Then he turned about, pushed his way in through a tangle of shrubbery, and left the lonely roadside as empty as a desert trail.

Then the resolute browed young woman turned to her chauffeur. "I'm going to follow that man. If I fail to return here inside of ten min-

utes, I want you to get any help you can, and come after me."

Margery stole along the shadowy roadside to the spot where she had seen Legar creep in through the bushes. She followed as best she could, found herself face to face with a tunnel-opening that showed itself dimly in the moonlight, and after a moment's hesitation stooped low and crept into this tunnel, feeling her way cautiously along the smooth brickwork of its walls. She came to a turn, but tressed with heavier masonry, and padded along this wall until her groping fingers came in contact with a light switch. This, after a moment's thought, she turned on. The next moment a number of bulbs along the corridor roof above her flowered into light.

Staring ahead of her, she saw that the corridor ended in nothing but a blank wall. But as she stared intently at the wall she detected in one side of it a partially concealed electric button. She moved toward this cautiously, for she had learned of old to be wary of approach to any of Legar's fastnesses. Then, as she advanced, she came to a sudden stop. For she saw on the flagstone upon which she was about to step a small cross. There was also a minute crevice, unnoticeable in its companions, about this quadrangle so suspiciously marked by its cross. So she stepped carefully over the suspected area, crept forward to the button, and touched it with a tentative fingertip.

The next moment a remarkable thing happened. A section of the heavy masonry shutting off the end of the corridor, at that touch, swung silently about on its axis, leaving an aperture wide enough for a human body to pass through. The girl, holding her breath, stepped through the ponderous masonry.

This chamber, she saw, was empty, except for two mysterious strands of iron chain that ran from ceiling to floor, close against the wall, while against the other stood a deal table and a camp couch across which lay a couple of very dirty blankets. But along the floor at the far end of the room her quick eye detected a thin pencil of light. So she tiptoed quietly forward until she stood close to the door above this illuminated crevice. Then she stooped lower, listening intently, for the sound of muffled voices came to her from the room within.

"I tell you we can't afford to fail in this move," she heard the voice of Legar himself announce. "The thing's got to be settled, and settled before morning!"

"But how?" asked one of his followers.

"With two pounds of guncotton and a time fuse," was Legar's reply.

"In the O'Mara cottage?" asked another voice.

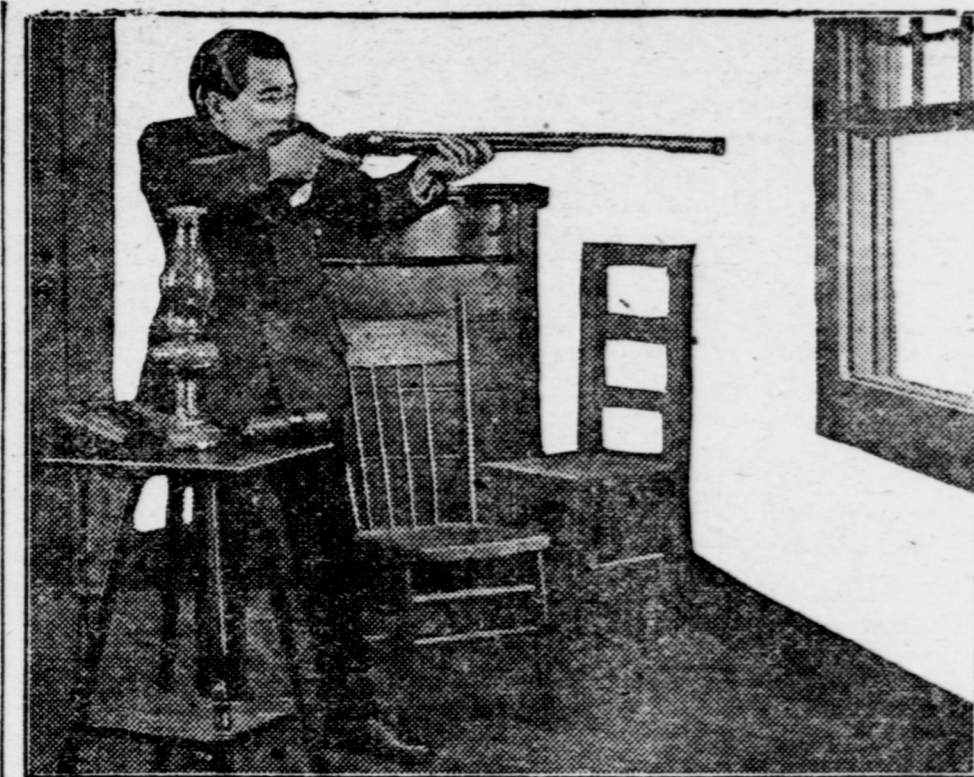
"Yes; I want that cottage wiped off the face of the earth, and the family with it! And I want it done before morning!"

Margery listened, oblivious of the passing of time, as the conspirators behind the closed door continued to debate on their plan of action. Then she started, even as much as they did, when the sudden buzzing of an electric annunciator warned that intent group of an intruder's approach.

It was then and only then that the girl remembered her parting message to the taxicab driver. All that was left her to do was to dart over to the camp cot, and drop down on the stone floor beside it.

The next moment Legar and his men were in the outer chamber. While one of the men crept to a secret outlook crevice in the farther wall Legar himself stepped to one of the control chains which ran from floor to ceiling on the other side of the room, and by pulling one of these started into action some mysterious mechanism which the watching girl could not quite comprehend. She saw them run back to the inner room and stand waiting while Legar manipulated still another secret spring which threw open a hidden door in the back wall of that room. And that door, she surmised, led by some unknown passage to the outer world.

But Margery did not give much thought to this, for there came to her as she regained her feet the repeated cry of a human being, a cry husky with terror. She ran to the pivot door in the masonry, swung it back, and there beheld a sight which made her blood run cold. It took her, in fact, a ponderable space of time to understand the scene confronting her. But as she stared out she saw where her unsuspecting chauffeur had stepped on the cross-marked flagstone, for it



Then He Pulled the Trigger.

was now several inches lower than the rest of the floor. And this, obviously, had released a steel arm which had swung suddenly forward and swept the startled intruder flat against the stone wall, holding him there as in a vise. And as he stood pinioned there a great block of granite, released by some hidden machinery, was slowly descending from the roof of the corridor. Margery quickly manipulated the chains and released the chauffeur.

"Let me at 'em!" he shouted, brandishing the automobile wrench which he still carried in his hand. "Just let me at 'em!"

"It's no use," cried Margery, holding him back. "They have gone, the lot of them. And we've got to follow quickly, or there'll be a whole family meet a worse fate than yours might have been tonight!"

She had taken the wrench from his hand and was leading him out of the tunnel mouth by this time, explaining that he would have to bring his taxicab from its hiding place and at once start in pursuit of the Iron Claw. But these explanations came to a sudden and an unexpected ending, for Legar and his followers, skulking in the bushes, caught that betraying sound of voices and saw a chance that was too good to be missed. They closed in on the girl and the taxi-driver. Yet that sullen-spirited driver, when cornered, fought with an energy so explosive that the entire circle became involved in the struggle. It was Legar himself, and only Legar, who had the presence of mind to direct the attention towards the girl. He swung suddenly about and started for her. She saw him coming, raised the heavy wrench she still carried and sent it flat against his bony temple and took to her heels. She jumped into the empty taxicab and headed for the O'Mara cottage.

So colorless was her face as the bewildered Dan O'Mara opened the door that he started back in alarm. And her words were even more disturbing.

"Come away!" she called out. "Come quick, or it will be too late!"

"And what's wrong now?" asked the astounded householder.

"Get Peggy!" gasped the girl as she stared frantically about the little room. "Get her away from here, quick! The house has been mined! There's been a bomb left here, and any moment—"

She stopped speaking, for the pungent smell of powder smoke had assailed her nostrils. Then from the open window, in which a somewhat neglected flower-box stood, came a faint sputter of sound.

She ran to the window. Lying in the flower-box she saw a heavy cylinder of metal. Even before she caught sight of the time-fuse which quietly hissed and burned at one end of the cylinder, she knew what it was. It was the infernal machine which Legar's agent had placed there to destroy the house. And at any moment the explosion might take place.

Margery caught the heavy cylinder up in her hands. She even tried to blow out the fuse. But this was useless. Then she tried to tear it away. But this second effort was equally fruitless. And sheer panic took possession of her at the thought of her helplessness. The bomb dropped from her fingers to the floor. She made one instinctive effort to warn poor young Peggy O'Mara away, as the girl ran to her side. But instead of repeating that warning she let her arms close about the slender body as though in mute acknowledgment that she knew it was already too late. For the fuse, she could see, was burning down into the end of the cylinder itself. She even closed her eyes, awaiting the inevitable.

She opened them again, at the sound of a sudden step. She opened them to see a masked figure dart into the room, catch up the smoking metal cylinder, and with one and the same movement hurl it out through the open window.

The next moment a great detonation shook the walls of that house. The bomb had exploded. But the house of O'Mara still stood. And Peggy and her father stared open-mouthed at the newcomer, who, instead of staring back at them, stood intently regarding Margery Golden.

"The Laughing Mask!" said that somewhat shaken young lady, in little more than a whisper.

"At your service!" replied the man in the yellow mask, with a half-humble and half-mocking bow as he stood, for one fleeting moment, in the narrow doorway.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)



"It Means That a Bullet Came Through That Window!"

from the door and saw Legar himself standing before her.

She stood there, white lipped, staring from one evil face to the other as Legar's companions closed in about her.

"You're a fine bunch o' cradle-snatchers!" she finally and wrathfully burst out at them, with the ultimate and reckless anger of desperation in her eyes. "You're a grand army o' heroes, you are, to come five strong agin' a girl like me!"

"Stop that brat!" commanded the irate Legar. And there was a general movement in the direction of the blazing-eyed girl.

There was one man in that group, however, who did not join in that movement. The reason for this lay in the fact that at that moment he happened to be looking up at the painting of "The Vigilante."

He was about to reach for a heavy easel-peg, to fling at the canvas, when he suddenly straightened up, clapped a hand to his shoulder, and turned about. There was a look of mingled wonder and incredulity on his face. Then he slowly drew from the fleshy part of his upper arm a small steel dart, little bigger than a knitting-needle.

The next moment a second man, moving across the room to catch up a curtain cord with which to tie the captured girl, felt a sudden sting in his hip, stopped abruptly and pointed with a shout of anger toward the canvas above the mantel.

Still another of Legar's followers, not realizing the meaning of that cry, stepped forward and stared at the painting. Out of the barrel-end of the painted rifle, as he did so, shot still another dart which buried itself in his neck.

"Th' darts!" he mumbled, as thickly as a drunken man might. "Th' darts 're drugged!"

But even before those mumbled words were spoken the swarthy-skinned Maulk, trying to hold the still struggling Peggy O'Mara down on a divan, felt a sharp pain above his shoulderblade, turned about, and saw Legar run across the room and catch up the heavy brass fire-tongs from beside the mantel end.

"The painting!" squeaked Maulk, staggering out against the model.

BIG FEATURE AT RURAL MEETING

RAIL HEAD AND NOTED AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS ON PROGRAM AT BOWLING GREEN.

WAS BEST MEETING, THEY SAY

Good Roads, All Phases of Farming and Railroad's Part, Are Topics—More Than 90 of Kentucky's 120 Counties Send Delegates.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Bowling Green, Ky.—Rodman Wiley, of the state roads department, and Fred Mutchler, of the extension service of the United States Department of Agriculture, were the principal speakers at the Rural Life and Rural School Conference here. The latter confined his talk to farms, and the former to roads. President Peyton, of the N. C. & St. L. railroad, also dwelling on the dependence of the railroad upon agriculture, and the importance of transportation and markets to the modern farm. He paid a tribute to President H. H. Cherry, originator of the conference, asserting that such gatherings as this go a long way toward enabling every class and profession to understand the honest aims and purposes of each other.

Frankly admitting mistakes and dishonesty on the part alike of some railroads and some farmers, President Peyton urged that the past be overlooked and that all present determine to aid in solving problems of the south. Co-operation is the keynote of modern development, he said.

Dr. P. G. Holden, the great Iowa corn and alfalfa expert, who has been here throughout the conference, said: "This is by all means the greatest agricultural meeting I have ever attended. I believe it is the greatest ever held in America."

Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart received an enthusiastic greeting when she presented the moonlight school as a solution to Kentucky's adult illiteracy problem. Special classes on county churches, county schools, farms, poultry, birds and roads are being largely attended. State Sanitary Engineer Curry exhibited models and photographs showing what constitutes a sanitary farm homestead.

Patriotic exercises, commemorating Washington's birthday, was a feature on Friday, the best day of the conference, as it was said. Prof. Cyril Hopkins, of the University of Illinois, told about jail building. More than ninety of Kentucky's 120 counties were represented at the conference. The attendance at the sessions was in excess of 3,000.

BEQUESTS HOME FOR AGED

Will Be Established From Fortune Left by Charles Moorman—Starts Life as Poor Boy.

Louisville, Ky.—Nearly \$3,000,000 is left by Charles P. Moorman, distiller and capitalist, who started life "as a poor country boy." When his will was probated it was found that the capital of one of the largest banks in the city provided insufficient security and the Louisville Trust Company was compelled to put up bond of \$1,000,000 before it could qualify as trustee.

The bulk of the Moorman millions will eventually be used for the establishment of a home for indigent women. Charles P. Moorman, Jr., an invalid son, is to receive the income on about \$1,000,000, which is held in trust, while Lucy Elizabeth Moorman, a granddaughter, is to be provided with ample living expenses from the income from another fund of a million. The son's interest in the estate is an income for life only. The granddaughter, in addition to support, is to receive \$200,000 as soon after she is 25 years old as this sum is accumulated out of her income. The two funds, on the death of the son and granddaughter, are to be used in establishing the home for aged women. The local Jewish Hospital and other charitable institutions are remembered.

RAILWAY CONDUCTORS TRIED.

Are Charged With Violation of Rules of Their Union.

Louisville, Ky.—Charged with having violated rules of the Order of Railway Conductors, by instituting a lawsuit to prevent enforcement of a general strike order last September, without first having exhausted all resources within the organization, 14 passenger conductors of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad were placed on trial before their lodge in executive session here.

Resume River Traffic.

Louisville, Ky.—After a prolonged tie-up because of an unusually heavy run of ice, river traffic out of Louisville to Cincinnati has been resumed. The enforced lay-off of the various river craft has extended over a period of from 10 to 16 days.

Tax Bills Indorsed.

Frankfort, Ky.—The Kentucky State Chamber of Commerce adopted a resolution urging the legislature to pass the tax bills as they were prepared by the State Tax Commission.

LIVED 93 YEARS, AND HAD 435 DESCENDANTS.

Manchester, Ky.—Mrs. Susan Marcum, one of the oldest residents of this county, died at her home on Big creek lately. She was 93 years old, and had 356 living descendants and seventy-nine descendants dead. Her husband, Hiram Marcum, at one time owned 40,000 acres of land on Redbird river in one hour vary.

EXPECT CONTEST FOR ROAD

Counties in Line to Wage Fight Over Route of Federal Highway—To Be Decided in Frankfort.

Hopkinsville, Ky.—A hot fight will be waged at Frankfort on March 1 over the route of the proposed Federal highway across Kentucky from Ashland to Wickliffe, after it leaves Hodgenville.

As originally outlined by the State Road Commission, the route comes down through Warren, Logan, Todd, Christian, Trigg, Marshall, Ballard, Graves and Carlisle. But the counties of Ohio, Hopkins, Muhlenburg, Caldwell, Lyon, etc., have organized to bring the road that way, and are prepared to back up their claim.

A well-attended meeting of delegates from most of the counties along the original route was held here, and it was decided that each county should send not less than five delegates to Frankfort, and as many more as possible, and these should go with carefully prepared data showing the population, resources, etc., of each county and its natural advantages for road building as part of the argument in behalf of the southern route. The fact that the southern route would connect directly the Abraham Lincoln farm, in Larue county, and the Jefferson Davis Memorial Park, 12 miles from this city, will also be an argument. General Bennett H. Young, Louisville, leader in the Davis Park project, was made a delegate at large.

STRICKLETT IS CITY SOLICITOR.

State Senator Appointed to Succeed Schmitz, Who Resigns.

Covington, Ky.—State Senator A. E. Stricklett was appointed solicitor of Covington at a special meeting of the city commissioners.

Before tendering his resignation his predecessor made a number of recommendations to the commissioners concerning the conduct of the affairs of the city's legal department. He suggested that the city solicitor be given full charge of his department and that the assistant solicitor, police court prosecutor and other employees of the department be taken from the civil service regulations, under which the city solicitor should remain.

Mr. Stricklett was elected to fill out the unexpired term of the late Senator Walker C. Hall, and served in the 1916 session of the legislature. He has also been attending the special session. In case he vacates the senatorship, Lieutenant Governor Black would be called upon to issue a writ of election for the selection of his successor.

New Steel Plant.

Ashland, Ky.—The new open hearth steel plant of the Ashland Iron and Mining Co. is now in operation. Owing to the non-arrival of material, the rolling of steel will not be started for several weeks. The plant will employ more than a thousand men when it is operating full.

KENTUCKY BREVITIES

Princeton, Ky.—Judge M. P. Smith of the Caldwell county court, dismissed a petition for a road bond issue election, giving as a reason for so doing the lack of a required number of freeholders.

Owensboro, Ky.—A jury declared Mrs. Ellen Riley, one of the wealthiest women of Owensboro, competent to manage her own estate. An effort had been made to have a committee appointed for her, it being claimed that she was mentally incapable of looking after her own affairs.

Whitesburg, Ky.—Rain for two days has swollen mountain streams almost to flood tide, especially the North Fork, South Fork and Middle Fork of the Kentucky river, along the valleys of which considerable damage has been done, houses in the lowlands having been flooded in many instances.

Hopkinsville, Ky.—At the annual meeting of the Hopkinsville Associated Charities officers were elected as follows: President, Dr. Calvin M. Thompson; vice president, Henry M. Frankel; secretary, Joe McCarroll, Jr.; treasurer, Bailey Russell. Mrs. Lillian Gillock was re-elected agent.

Lexington, Ky.—An ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Finance to purchase for the city's sinking fund sewer bonds amounting to \$17,000 and appropriating \$17,098.88 for the purpose, was passed by the City Commissioners.

Winchester, Ky.—The marriage of Miss Mabel Carlyle Lanter, daughter of Prof. J. E. Lanter and Mrs. Lanter, was solemnized at the home of her father, this city, to Thomas Preston Owings, of Ashland, Ky. The Rev. C. C. Carroll performed the ceremony.

STUDY RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

TAX BILLS TAKE UP MUCH TIME—FARMING AND REALTY INTERESTS DISCUSSED.

CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY

Meets With Opposition of Speaker—Legislators Accused of Squandering Finances—State Auditor Requested to Furnish Report of Inebtedness.

(Special Frankfort Correspondence.)

Frankfort.—By amendment to a resolution proposed in the house of representatives by Representative Kaufman, of Lancaster, calling on State Auditor R. L. Greene for comparative statements of the annual receipts and expenditures of the various state departments from 1912 to 1916, inclusive, the house will delve into the receipts and expenditures of revenue agents.

Representative Hobbs, of Lexington, offered this amendment, which was adopted as a part of the resolution. The house will ascertain the amounts the revenue agents are making, not only for the state, but for themselves.

Three representatives of the farming and real estate interests discussed the tax bills, the former being represented by L. F. Johnson, of Frankfort, and J. K. Thompson, of Paris, a member of the Kentucky Taxpayers' League. Peter Lee Atherton, of Louisville, appeared for the real estate interests.

Asserting that a governor of this state would be able to build up a powerful political machine if given the appointment of the members of the state tax commission, provided for in the tax measures pending in the house, L. Frank Johnson, a prominent attorney of this city, appeared before the house in committee of the whole as a representative of the farmers.

Mr. Johnson opposed the classification of property for taxation. The idea of classifying property for taxation, he said, was repulsive to him because it lifted the burden of taxation from one class of property and placed it upon another. Any man who would advocate such a law, Mr. Johnson said, must be prompted by selfish motives.

The state of Kentucky, Mr. Johnson declared, would not be burdened with a heavy debt had not the legislature since 1906 squandered the state's money. In reply to a question propounded by a member as to how money had been squandered, Mr. Johnson said partly in the creation of commissions and the employment of special counsel for these commissions by the governor.

The speaker favored a tax on coal and oil, saying he believed that such a tax would reduce the state's debt. There is no reason, he said, why whiskey should not pay its legitimate part of the taxes.

Upon motion of Representative Kaufman, State Auditor Greene was requested to furnish the house with a report showing the total indebtedness of the commonwealth, the average monthly expenses of the state government; a comparative statement of the total revenue of the commonwealth for the years 1912 to 1916 inclusive; a detailed statement of the expenses of the various institutions and departments and a detailed statement of the receipts of the commonwealth for the same years.

An amendment to the resolution providing that the report shall show the expenses of the revenue agents and supervisors and the amount of money collected by them each year and turned into the state treasury was added on motion of Representative Hobbs.

Woman's Will Upheld.

The will of Mary Anna Francis Jones, who died in 1914, leaving a home on Pennsylvania avenue, Louisville, to her son, Edgar Garr Jones, and only \$5 to her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Jones Beckley, was upheld by the court of appeals in an opinion by Commissioner Clay, reversing the Jefferson circuit court in the suit of Mrs. Beckley to break the will. The verdict had been given on the ground of undue influence, but the court of appeals said the evidence did not sustain the verdict and directed that peremptory instructions be given in favor of the will if the evidence is the same on a retrial.

Two Prisoners Pardoned.

Governor Stanley pardoned Joseph Jackson and Elijah Jackson, of Knox county, who are serving terms in the penitentiary for grand larceny. The men were alleged to have stolen a cow. Lieutenant Governor Black, Senators Hiram Brock and B. C. Lewis, the circuit judge, Commonwealth's attorney and the jurors who tried the case recommended the executive clemency.

Our Own Mountaineers.

In "The Men of the Mountains," Arthur W. Spaulding quotes a touching little story of one of those isolated homes among the Appalachian hills whose occupants seldom hear the voice of prayer, have not seen a Bible and could not read it if they had it. A minister, visiting the home for the first time, told the little family the story of the cross. They followed him with rapt faces, and when he had concluded the mother, leaning toward him, whispered hoarsely: "Stranger,

License Tax Provided.

With Representative Price, of Covington, presiding, considerable time of the house of representatives was devoted to the discussion of the tax bills by W. C. Davis, of Versailles, and Elwood Hamilton, of Frankfort, members of the 1914 State Tax Commission, and Senator Hiram Brock, of Harlan, and Senator Seldon R. Glenn, of Eddyville, members of the present State Tax Commission.

Davis declared in favor of a state tax commission appointed by the governor. Hamilton approved of dividing the state into 38 taxing districts. Glenn and Brock urged the passage of the tax bills prepared by the present State Tax Commission.

The bill of Representative Howard, of Woodford county, provided an annual license tax of 2 cents on each ton of coal mined; an annual license tax of 2 cents on each barrel of crude oil pumped or produced, and an annual tax of 1 cent on each 10,000 cubic feet of natural gas pumped or produced.

Representative Spurrier introduced bills providing for an annual license tax of five cents on each barrel of crude petroleum produced; a license tax of five cents on every ton of coal mined or produced; a license tax of ten cents on every proof gallon of distilled spirits, and a license tax of ten cents on every quarter barrel, twenty cents on every half barrel and thirty cents on every whole barrel of malt liquor manufactured in this state.

An enabling act levying a special tax of 20 cents on the \$100 of property, to be used for road and bridge construction, was introduced by Representative Radcliffe.

The joint resolution inviting former Governor Harmon, of Ohio, and former Governor Johnson, of California, to address the legislature on the tax question, passed the house.

Sewell Files Report.

Both factions in Kenton county, one of which is in office and the other formerly in, were rapped by State Inspector and Examiner Nat B. Sewell in his report on the county offices filed with Governor Stanley. He said the office records are well kept, but "court records reflect, to a marked degree, results accruing from political favoritism, though charges by members of one political faction against members of the other faction when in office were found, as is usually the case, to be made up more or less of thinly veiled desires of 'outs' to discredit the 'ins' so as to affect public sentiment in future elections," and "insinuations of misfeasance or malfeasance in office were not substantiated when investigation was made."

He cited "suspending fines, failing to issue processes for the arrest of offenders or collection of bonds and releasing of prisoners before the expiration of their sentences" as "some of the direct results coming from the political system" and concluded that "investigation shows all these have existed in Kenton county for many years and apply equally to present and former officers."

Three More Presented.

Three new bills were offered. The bill of Representative Harry Meyers requires the sheriff to list with the county clerk property omitted by assessors, supervisors, boards of valuation and assessment and railroad commissioner for adjudication in county court, and permitting appeal. Allowing sheriff 20 per cent penalty and county attorney 15 per cent of recovery for representing commonwealth, repealing Chapter 17 of the revenue and taxation law.

The bill offered by Representative John S. Webb places a tax of 50 cents on the \$100 on tobacco producers, payable either to the sheriff or state auditor before delivery to purchaser.

Representative D. S. Richardson offered a bill to provide that boards of equalization in sixth-class cities shall not reduce or raise any assessment unless the evidence be clear and unmistakable that the valuation is not a fair cash value.

Investigators Organize.

The investigating committee of the State University met in the office of Governor Stanley and elected R. G. Gordon, of Louisville, chairman. The committee comprises J. D. Lyle, of New York; Dr. J. A. Ammon, of Lancaster; H. M. Froman, of Lexington, and J. W. Turner, of Paintsville. No definite program was outlined, but each member of the committee was assigned certain work to look after and report at a meeting to be held at the call of the president.

Three Seek Bankruptcy.

Petitions in bankruptcy were filed in the federal court here by three residents of Lexington. George G. Swain, switchman, listed his assets at \$2,250 and his liabilities at \$2,996. George S. Stram, merchant, gave his assets at \$3,284.49 and his liabilities at \$3,127.24. C. H. McCuddy scheduled his assets at \$3,154.49 and his liabilities at \$12,456.37. Stram and McCuddy conducted the Lexington Mantel Company.

you say all this happened a long time ago?" "Yes," he said, "almost 2,000 years ago." "And they nailed him to that tree when he hadn't done nothing to hurt 'em, only jest loved 'em?" "Yes," she leaned farther and placed her hand impressively upon his knee. "Wall, stranger," she said, the tears standing in her eyes, "let's hope hit ain't so!"

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Pennsylvania is asked to spend this year \$4,000,000 for new militia armories.

LIFT YOUR CORNS OFF WITH FINGERS

How to loosen a tender corn or callus so it lifts out without pain.

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A small bottle of freezone obtained at any drug store will cost very little but will positively remove every hard or soft corn or callus from one's feet.

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What Is Uric Acid?

Everyone has uric acid in the system, but naturally in small quantities. Excessive amount is caused by eating too much meat and foods that ferment in stomach. The kidneys, being the filters of the blood, are supposed to separate and throw the poisons out of the system. Weak, tired and overworked kidneys fail to do this, hence the uric acid accumulates and the urate salts are carried by the blood to the solid tissue structure, causing backache, lumbago, rheumatism, droopiness, drowsiness, and tired feeling.

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COUNTRY DEMANDS ACTION

Shippers, Investors and Representatives of All Branches of Business Demand Unification of System of Railway Regulation—Roads Ask Fewer Masters.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The Congressional Joint Committee on Interstate Commerce, which has been conducting the inquiry into government regulation and control of transportation, last week decided to suspend its hearings on the subject and adjourned, subject to the call of the chairman, because of the pressure of other work before Congress. According to the resolution creating the committee, it is required to submit a report by January 8th next. It is understood that before that time the committee will ask for an extension of time and that the hearings will be resumed at a later date, when some of those who already have appeared before the committee will be questioned further and a great many others will be heard. It is probable, however, that the hearings will not be resumed until after adjournment of Congress on March 4th. In addition to regular routine business the commerce committee of the two houses are charged with the important duty of preparing and presenting the legislation asked for by President Wilson to make impossible a railroad strike without previous investigation. This will leave little or no time for the consideration of the general questions of railway regulation.

Country Wants Something Done.
Members of Congress and others who are interested in the inquiry undertaken by the Newlands Committee insist that there is no intention of abandoning it.

It seems doubtful, indeed, if the country would permit the matter to be dropped if there were evidence of a desire on the part of Congress to do so. The nation-wide evidences of interest evoked by the initiation of the Newlands inquiry show that the people of the country—shippers, consumers and investors, as well as railway men themselves—are alive to the fact that the railway situation is highly unsatisfactory and that steps must be taken without unnecessary delay to make it possible for the railroads to meet the growing needs of the nation.

From reports received here it seems as though almost every commercial organization and business interest in the country were engaged in studying the railroad question. The Chamber of Commerce of the United States has been conducting an elaborate inquiry into various phases of the subject for many months past. Many local and state commercial bodies in every part of the country have committees engaged in study of the problem and have indicated a desire to come here and present their views. National organizations of manufacturers, lumbermen, coal operators, wholesale and retail dealers, have expressed through resolutions their desire for the unification of the system of railway regulation. The National Industrial Traffic League, speaking from the viewpoint of shippers using the railways, has endorsed exclusive federal regulation providing it is accomplished in such a way as to give full protection and prompt adjustment in matters relating to transportation within the states.

Many Interests Studying Problem.
All these organizations represent primarily the shippers of the country, but they are not the only ones who are taking a hand in the discussion. The investors of the nation, through their own associations and through committees representing the savings banks and other financial organizations, are preparing to show the necessity of improving railroad credit and protecting the rights of those whose money is invested in railway securities. Finally the railroads themselves, being vitally concerned in the improvement of existing conditions, are planning to submit their views through their executives, operating officials and traffic experts and to assert their willingness to accept far-reaching federal regulation along lines that will enable them to attract capital and to provide the facilities needed for the prompt and efficient handling of the country's transportation business.

Main Trouble Is Too Many Masters.
Not all of these interests are in accord as to the remedies that should be adopted. There seems to be a general agreement, however, that many of the difficulties which confront the railroads and which make it impossible for them to meet the requirements of the nation's commerce promptly and satisfactorily arise from the haphazard and often conflicting measures of regulation that have been adopted from time to time by the federal government and the forty-eight states and that what is needed is a well ordered, systematic scheme of federal regulation that shall cover the whole country and make it possible for the railroads to provide the extensions and improved facilities so badly needed, while at the same time protecting fully the public interests.

SPECIAL SESSION

To Revise Tax Laws.

It may not be generally known, but it is a fact that only forty out of the one hundred and twenty counties in Kentucky contribute anything toward the general expenses of the State government, but when it comes to criticizing the management of the State's finances and denouncing the extravagance of the Legislature in making appropriations, the greatest complaints seem to be made by the eighty counties which do not pay a dollar of the expense.

It is refreshing to read in an editorial in the Livingston Enterprise the frank admission that

"It takes all the money Livingston County pays into the State treasury to pay the school teachers of this county. The State taxes being \$16,877 and teachers' salaries \$16,995, and there are many other expenses of county officials, witness and jury fees, etc., amounting to about \$4,500, paid out of the State treasury. . . . Livingston County contributes nothing to the running expenses of the State, yet we have a vote in the State's affairs and often criticize the administration on its extravagance, when the whole expense is borne by other counties. . . . Until we reach the point of paying our own expenses we cannot charge unfairness in any tax laws."

There are seventy-nine other counties in the same situation as Livingston, but few of them seem willing so freely to confess their shortcomings, nor will they hasten to do so as long as the forty other counties are willing to submit to higher assessments and list more taxable property on which the excess taxes go toward paying the expenses of their delinquent neighbors.

The editorial referred to also presents an epitome of taxation in the following sensible language:

"In considering any taxing system it is well to examine conditions in various sections of the State; ascertain the capacity of each county to pay as well as to receive benefits and then enact a law as would yield the required sum of money and levy its collection as equally as may be upon the people of the whole State."

And that is exactly what the laws proposed by the State Tax Commission are designed to accomplish. If newspaper editors generally would follow the Livingston Enterprise the State would soon be out of debt and in receipt of ample revenue to meet its growing demands.—Courier Journal.

TAXATION

Only To Be Considered.

The Governor called an extra session of the Legislature for February 14 to consider a new tax law. Some of the newspapers have found numerous objections to the laws proposed by the Tax Commission, and it is very probable that the laws, as proposed, are not perfect. If there are objectionable features, they will undoubtedly be pointed out to the members of the extra session, who will have ample time to give the various sections ample consideration and make such changes and corrections as may be desirable. With only one matter for consideration and with politics and log-rolling kept out, the extra session of the General Assembly ought to give the people a fair and equitable tax law that will meet with the approval of the vast majority of the people of the State. Here's hoping!—Cynthiana Log Cabin.

NO POLITICS

In New Tax Laws.

In so serious a matter as tax reform, Kentuckians, regardless of party affiliation, should support Gov. Stanley and the extra session, and all Democrats should stand together, regardless of antecedent differences of view or leaning.

Kentucky is backward because of the need of a better tax system. Put Kentucky up with the foremost in the march of progress. "Kentucky first" should be everybody's slogan. Roads, new much discussed, can be better built when we have a better tax system. An influx of capital awaits a better tax system. That means better living, better schools, more values to tax, more employment, better wages. There can be no improvement without any extra session. Anyone guilty of an effort to obstruct will prove himself a petty politician, and not a good citizen of Kentucky.—State Journal.

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